Related Expenditure to the States affected by Left-wing Extremism, which the Ministry of Home Affairs is operating, an amount of Rs. 38.85 crore has been reimbursed for the period from 1.4.96 to 31.3.2001, to the State Government of Bihar for the expenditure incurred by them to tackle the problem of Left Wing extremism. The items for which reimbursement is made includes weaponry, vehicles communication equipment, etc.

Training camps of terrorists abroad

†1459.SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from PoK, the terrorist training camps are also being operated in Bhutan, Bangladesh and Burma;

(b) if so, number of such training camps being operated in each of the said countries;

(c) name of the terrorist organisations operating the said camps; and

(d) assessment made by the Government regarding the threat to the National Security by these training camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) Available inputs indicate that North-Eastern terrorist groups have established a number of camps including training camps in Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar.The ULFA and NDFB of Assam are reported to have camps in Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar. KLO of North Bengal has camps in Bhutan. ULFA is reported to be sharing some camps with NSCN (K) in Myanmar. NLFT/B NLFT/ N and ATTF groups of Tripura are also reported to be having camps in Bangladesh.

The Government has been sharing its concerns from time to time with regard to terrorist training camps in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan. These Governments have assured their full cooperation and help in containing terrorism and that their territories will not be allowed to be used-for activities inimical to India's interest.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.